

Minutes Approved with changes June 11, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and minutes from a special called meeting held on Monday, May, 20, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve minutes as presented, with the following correction to the regular meeting minutes:

- Department Report. Fire Department. Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Correction: Change SBA to SCBA.

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2013-013 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 710.030 regarding private sewage disposal, was read by title only, for the second and final reading, with the following roll call recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2013-013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-013 thus became Ordinance No. 13.89.

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Bill No. 2013-014 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 710.040 Building Sewers and Connections was read by title only, for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2013-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-014 thus became Ordinance No. 13.90.

Bill No. 2013-015 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 710.050 regarding use of the public sewer was read by title only, for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2013-015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-015 thus became Ordinance No. 13.91.

Bill No. 2013-016 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 715.060 regarding fees for connecting to a sewer service was read by title only, for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2013-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-016 thus became Ordinance No. 13.92.

Bill No. 2013-017 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 705.010 regarding electrical service was read by title only, for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

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Bill No. 2013-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-017 thus became Ordinance No. 13.93.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Fire Station HVAC. Reported the HVAC unit for the conference room area at the Fire Station is not working, with cost of repair unknown at this point due to unit's condenser motor would need to be repaired and freon re-charged before leak detection and repairs would be evaluated. Cost for condenser motor and Freon re-charge would be a minimum of \$1,500.00. Springer noted replacement costs for installation of a new unit would be approximately \$6,500.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to begin process for bidding of new hvac unit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- GFR Filing Conference. Springer reported he would attend the conference with Stanton on June 14, 2013 in Joplin, Missouri.
- Economic Development. Held discussion regarding need for utility infrastructure south of Interstate 44. Springer noted several companies have expressed interest in locating to this area if utilities are accessible. Discussion was held on financing options for utilities, which included Bonds, TIFF, NID and CIDs with a consensus of the Board to commit to development of this area by installation of infrastructure. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to commit the city to pursue financial resources for the expansion of utilities to develop properties as they voluntarily annex into the city limits. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Parks Department Vacancy. Reported a vacancy in the Parks Department due to employee resigning for health issues. Discussion was held regarding filling of the position and the need for an additional part-time employee since the affordable care health act limits hours to under 30 and because of large amount of mowing that is needed on city properties.
- Vacation. Reported he would be on a mission trip to Illinois on June 20, 2013 thru June 24, 2013.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bad Debt Write-offs. Presented a request to write-off bad debt totaling \$12,104.65. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve of write-off of bad debt as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request for Replacement of Influent Pump at WWTP. Reported an influent submersible pump was out of operation and requested the Board allow replacement of the pump, with payment of the pump taken out of the Wastewater Replacement Account. Stanton noted

the pump was originally installed during the recent upgrade to the plant in 2008 with SRF monies. Stanton noted due to specs of the upgrade not specifically calling for a preferred pump, the vendors did not bid on a specific brand of pump. Stanton requested the Board allow purchase of a Flygt pump at approximately \$16,500.00. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with purchase of the Flygt pump, with payment from Wastewater Replacement Account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request to purchase Mower. Presented a bid tab for purchase of a Grasshopper mower for the Parks Department. Stanton noted the budget was set for \$10,500.00 for purchase of the mower, with all three bids coming under that amount. Discussion was held regarding purchasing policy for local vendors. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept bid from Town & Country Power Center in Mount Vernon for \$8,186.95. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Fill Vacancy Parks Department. Presented recommendation for the Board to hire Nathan Holden for part-time seasonal vacancy in the Parks Department. Stanton also noted to the Board that due to the Affordable Care Act, part-time employees were limited to less than 30 hours per week and requested the Board consider hiring an additional employee. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with hiring Nathan Holding, pending pre-employment testing results and also to allow an additional employee. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Cemetery Flags. Reported the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has previously sponsored placement of flags for veteran's graves at the City Cemetery through the years, but due budget restraints, no longer have the funds to provide this service. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips for the city to purchase and place flags on veteran's graves in 2014. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- MoDot Surplus. Reported Missouri Highway Department will be closing the rest areas on Interstate 44 and has offered their surplus picnic tables for the city. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to accept the surplus tables. Stanton noted MoDot has offered to deliver the surplus.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items.

- Planning & Zoning. Reported the Commission will hold two public hearings, Tuesday, June 4, 2013 with one hearing to cover a re-zoning request on S. Landrum Street and the other for text change to allow chickens in R-1 districts.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items.

- Grant. Reported the deadline for grant application for additional officer has been extended to June 4, 2013.
- Warrant Service Team. Requested the Board allow a city officer to participate in a mutual aid agreement with the Warrant Service Team. Earnest noted the city would not be obligated to any monetary aid. Discussion was held with question of who should be

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the authorized signature on the agreement. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to allow an officer to participate on the Warrant Service Team, pending advisement from Petrus. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- *Dogs Running at Large.* Reported research of dogs at large define that the city operated within the definitions of state statutes on handling of a situation from earlier in the month.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- *Calls.* Reported the department has received two calls since last meeting.
- *Training.* Training was held for training on the fully-extended ladder of the new ladder truck at locations in the city which would require the extension. Discussion was held.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Albers requested a meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Ad-hoc Dogs Running at Large.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met due to researching policies.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:14 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date